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SUBJECT: UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: POSSIBLE CUBAN
INVITATION TO MEET IN HAVANA

REF: GENEVA 4796

1. DELEGATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW POSITION IN
POSITION PAPER (SD/UNDP/491) ON AGENDA ITEM 12 IN SUPPORT
OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES RECOMMENDATION TO HOLD 21ST
SESSION IN GENEVA IN JANUARY 1976 AND 22ND SESSION IN
NEW YORK IN JUNE 1976, (AS WELL AS SD/UNDP/493 ON POSSIBLE
CUBAN CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY OF GOVERNING COUNCIL).

2. WE PRESUME THAT NO DECISION ON LOCALE FOR 22ND SESSION
WILL BE TAKEN PRIOR TO 21ST SESSION. IF MATTER ARISES,
HOWEVER, AND IF CUBAN INVITATION IS MADE, DELEGATION
SHOULD NOT SUPPORT CONSENSUS TO ACCEPT SUCH OFFER.

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3. DELEGATION SHOULD CONSULT WITH LATIN AMERICANS

AND OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS AS APPROPRIATE IN EFFORT TO
AVOID ACCEPTANCE OF CUBAN INVITATION OR AT LEAST TO
ACHIEVE POSTPONEMENT OF ISSUE. FOLLOWING LA'S ON COUNCIL

MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH APPROACH: BRAZIL, CHILE AND
ARGENTINA; BUT MOST LIKELY NONE WOULD WISH TO TAKE THE
LEAD AGAINST CUBAN INVITATION.

4. IF MATTER COMES TO A HEAD, DELEGATION SHOULD ASSURE
THAT RECORD OF US OPPOSITION TO ACCEPTANCE OF HAVANA
SITE IS CLEAR. ONE WAY TO DO THIS WOULD BE TO STATE
OUR SUPPORT FOR COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES RECOMMENDATION.

5. FYI: WE CONSIDER IT HIGHER PRIORITY AT PRESENT TIME
TO AVOID DECISION TO HOLD GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION
IN HAVANA THAN TO ASSURE THAT A 1976 SESSION WILL BE
HELD IN NEW YORK. END FYI. KISSINGER

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